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REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this Patent Application, particularly in view of the above Amendment and the following remarks.

There is an additional fee for this Amendment because Applicants have added two independent claims although the total number of claims has decreased.

Objection to Drawings

The Examiner has objected to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. 1.83(a) for failing to show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Applicants have canceled Claims 20, 21 and 25. Applicants urge that such cancellation renders that subject rejection moot.

Amendment to Claims

Applicants have amended the claims to add the limitation of objected to but allowable Claim 5 into Claim 1. Applicants have added new Claim 32 which combines the limitations of Claim 1 and objected to but allowable Claim 7. Applicants have also added new Claim 33 which combines the limitations of Claim 1 and objected to but allowable Claim 10. Applicants have also amended Claim 5 to switch dependency from Claim 1 to Claim 32. Applicants urge that this amendment adds no new subject matter to the subject U.S. patent application.

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Conclusion

Applicants believe that the above Amendment and remarks address each and every issue raised by the Examiner and overcome each and every objection and rejection. As such, Applicants urge that Claims 1-19, 22-24 and 26-33 are in allowable form. However, should the Examiner detect any remaining issue, Applicants kindly request the Examiner to contact the undersigned, preferably by telephone, in an effort to expedite examination of this Patent Application.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. D. Erickson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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